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BRAMBLETON WARD.

Mr. A. M. Harris, the efficient organist of Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Church, was presented with a handsome umbrella by the church Sunday morning.

Mr. W. W. Gordon, who has been spending the holiday with his parents, returned yesterday to Richmond to resume his theological studies at Richmond College.

The Brambleton W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Wade, corner of Rose and Claiborne avenues, at 4 o'clock this afternoon, at which time Mrs. Wade will make her report as delegate to the District Convention.

Miss Etta Mae Bailey, who has been spending the holidays with her parents on Hamlin avenue, will return to Centerville to-day, to resume her duties as principal of the public school there.

The B. Y. P. U. of Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Church held its regular meeting last night, at which time the annual election of officers took place, as follows: President, E. A. Blinn; Vice President, H. W. Dudley; Secretary, Miss Willie Copeland; Treasurer, Miss Hattie Boole; Organist, Miss Alice Spann. This is the largest union in the city, but an effort will be made to materially enlarge the scope of its work this year.

The Year's service at Trinity M. E. Church Sunday was of an especially interesting character. The sermons of the pastor, Rev. Lloyd T. Williams, awakened a responsive feeling on the part of the congregation, and new resolves were made to make the year one of unusual prosperity in church work.

The Street Committee of the Local Board will have Brambleton Avenue thoroughly scraped after the weather moderates, and then re-shell it the entire length.

The Democratic and Improvement Committee of the ward will meet to-night, at which time the annual election of officers will take place.

ATLANTIC CITY WARD.

The Local Board of Improvement failed to have a meeting yesterday evening for want of a quorum. The president and secretary were the only members present. An effort will be made to have a meeting at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Dr. S. W. Lambert, of Lambert's Point, in company with Messrs. George Miller, L. B. Vanderberry and A. Lambert, left yesterday afternoon on a gunning expedition up James river. They took ample supply of provisions along to last them for several days.

Miss Mamie Sayers, of Avenue A, left Saturday evening for the Eastern Shore of Virginia, to spend the New Year's holidays with friends.

The congregation and Epworth League of Leakes Memorial M. E. Church will unite in a special service to-morrow night.

Owing to the funeral of Mr. William K. Ferguson, which took place at Colley Memorial Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon, there was no meeting of the Junior Society of Christian Endeavor.

AMUSEMENTS.

JAMES O'NEILL IN "MONTE CRISTO."

Two large audiences witnessed the presentation of Dumas' romantic play, "Monte Cristo," at the Academy of Music yesterday, matinee and night, by Mr. James O'Neill and his company. The name of O'Neill has been so long associated with this play that he has become as thoroughly identified with the role as Joe Jefferson in "Rip Van Winkle," and his work is finished to a degree which would be difficult to imitate.

Mr. O'Neill's company is a large one, embracing many well known performers, whose support was very satisfactory. The play was elegantly costumed and the scenic effects carefully planned and executed.

ANOTHER VAUDEVILLE COMPANY COMING.

The sale of seats commences this morning at the Academy of Music box office for the engagement on Thursday and Friday and Friday matinee of Koster & Bial's second vaudeville company, which includes the two stars, Gus Williams and Bessie Bonehill; Evely and West, a musical team; Hyberta Pryme, a soubrette, and niece of President McKinley; Sadi, the famous Russian aerial performer; Arlin and Wagner, aerial performers; novelty, entitled "Opera in the Kitchen;" the Kramers, considered throughout this country as the most sensational bicycle riders of this generation, and William and Stone, a splendid team of comedians.

RAILROAD OPERATIONS.

FACTS AND FIGURES SHOWING THE TREND OF BUSINESS.

The following is taken from an article prepared for the Richmond Times by Mr. R. Lancaster Williams, president of the Norfolk Street Railroad Company, and the Norfolk and Ocean View Railway Company:

"A glance over the railroad earnings of the country, both gross and net, will show gratifying increases with singular regularity, but we only give here the results of the operations of a few railroads in which the people of this community are particularly interested. These figures will be found in the following tables:

R. F. & P. R. R.
Fiscal year ending June 30th:
Gross earnings—1898, \$708,793; 1897, \$680,760; 1896, \$770,725.
Net earnings—1898, \$258,557; 1897, \$223,451; 1896, \$302,046.
July 1st to October 31st:
Gross earnings—1897, \$215,892; 1898, \$264,537.

RICHMOND & PETERSBURG R. R.
Fiscal year ending June 30th:
Gross earnings—1898, \$325,304; 1897, \$391,212; 1896, \$426,512.
Net earnings—1898, \$100,822; 1897, \$391,212; 1896, \$426,512.
Number of passengers carried—1898, 208,286; 1897, 235,095; 1896, 238,398.
Tons freight moved—1898, 469,869; 1897, 538,973; 1896, 618,131.
July 1st to October 31st:

Gross earnings—1897, \$130,659; 1898, \$121,120.
Net earnings—1897, \$44,867; 1898, \$47,459.

PETERSBURG RAILROAD.

Year ending June 30th:
Gross earnings—1898, \$498,917; 1897, \$562,945; 1896, \$600,745.
Net earnings—1898, \$163,813; 1897, \$204,691; 1896, \$305,641.
Number of passengers carried—1898, 83,894; 1897, 87,850; 1896, 85,494.
Number tons freight moved—1898, 416,775; 1897, 514,465; 1896, 590,620.
July 1st to October 31st:
Gross earnings—1897, \$165,423; 1898, \$195,349.
Net earnings—1897, 76,080; 1898, \$103,591.

NORFOLK AND WESTERN.

Year ending June 30th:
Gross earnings—1897, \$10,537,732; 1898, \$11,826,123.
Net earnings—1897, \$2,634,272; 1898, \$3,350,024.
Passengers carried—1897, 1,716,444; 1898, 1,684,851.
Tons freight moved—1897, 6,967,672; 1898, 8,276,948.

SEABOARD AND ROANOKE.

(Year ending June 30.)
1898 1897
Gross earnings—\$681,610 \$587,735
Net earnings—275,267 296,931
Passengers carried—105,973 115,763
Tons freight moved—450,557 523,727
SEABOARD AIR LINE SYSTEM.
(Year ending June 30th.)
1898 1897
Gross earnings—\$3,395,399 \$3,645,514
Net earnings—905,514 976,034

The president of this system reports that during the past year ninety-four new manufacturing establishments of various kinds have been established on the line of this system. He also reports that 443 families have settled along the road, bringing with them about one million dollars of money and aggregating over 2,000 persons.

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO.

(Fiscal Year Ending June 30th.)
1898 1897
Gross earnings—\$7,161,949 \$10,708,182
Net earnings—1,706,882 3,421,413
Passengers carried—1798,122 1,925,502
Tons freight moved—6,491,297 7,806,914
(July 1st to October 31st.)
1897 1898
Gross earnings—\$3,902,459 \$4,107,559
Net earnings—1,329,302 1,432,283

The gross earnings for this company for the year ending June 30th, 1898, were the largest in the company's history, exceeding by more than one million dollars the largest previous year.

During the year twenty-three miles of track have been added, at a cost of \$99,423. The extension piers at Newport News have been completed at a cost of \$101,922 over and above the insurance received from the burning of the old pier. An additional pier at Newport News for the handling of lumber at a cost of \$35,335. Nine thousand one hundred and sixty-nine tons of one hundred pound and seventy-five pound steel rails at a net cost of \$42,894. The Gladys Inn at Clifton Forge was turned over to the hospital association for the use of employees of the company and a new hotel and station were erected nearer the centre of the town, at a cost of \$53,688. Twelve new heavy consolidated engines were purchased at a cost of \$139,200, and a large number of new freight cars at a cost of \$184,000.

All of the above expenditures, along with a considerable additional amount spent for improvements and betterments to the property, have been charged to operating expenses.

N. & W. EARNINGS FOR NOVEMBER.

Following is an abbreviated statement of the earnings of the Norfolk and Western railway for November:

Total earnings, passenger, mail and express	\$1,006,955.55
Total operating expenses	\$661,415.16
Net earnings	\$345,540.39

Compared with November, 1897, there is an increase of \$96,969.26, or 11 per cent. In total earnings, an increase of \$29,185.27, or 5 per cent. In total expenses, and an increase of \$67,813.99, or 24 per cent. In net earnings. The proportion of expenses to gross earnings was 66 per cent. in November, 1898, and 69 per cent. in same month of 1897.

A DELIGHTFUL RECEPTION.

TENDERED MR. H. L. BELOTE BY HIS FRIENDS.

Th readers of the Virginian-Pilot will recall that while the Norfolk military companies were in Richmond one of the most highly esteemed young men and a valuable soldier, Mr. H. L. Belote, had his left arm shot off by the accidental discharge of his gun, that he remained at his post and called to the corporal of the guard that he had been dangerously wounded. Mr. Belote's wound was serious, and his arm was amputated just below the elbow. When he recovered he applied for service in the army, but was refused. Mr. Belote entered Blacksburg College at the beginning of the session in September. He is at home spending the holiday with his father, Mr. J. L. Belote, on Bank street. He was tendered a reception last night at the residence of his father by three of his friends, Messrs. George E. Ford, A. D. Lawrence and E. H. Meeks, which was an elegant affair and attended by about fifty young people, who danced, sang, recited and had an enjoyable time. An elegant supper, consisting of all the delicacies of the season, was served.

HIT BY TROLLEY CAR.

MR. NUCKOLS KNOCKED DOWN AND PAINFULLY HURT.

Mr. Robert Nuckols, a white man, was struck by a trolley car last night on Church street, near Bermuda, and quite badly hurt.

Mr. Nuckols is about 40 years old and is from Richmond, Va. He attempted to cross the street in front of car No. 44, but was not quick enough and was struck by the fender and knocked off the track. The car was stopped as quickly as possible and Motorman J. J. Gordon and Conductor

George W. Ackey hastened to the assistance of the injured man.

He was found to be cut quite badly on the head and bruised about the body. The patrol wagon was summoned and the man taken to the station-house, where Drs. Speight and Groves were summoned and dressed the wounds. He was then removed to St. Vincent's Hospital.

The motorman and conductor were bailed for their appearance in the Police Court this morning.

While Mr. Nuckols' injuries are painful they are not serious.

AN INTERESTING SCENE.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DISCHARGES ITS DEBT.

There was an interesting scene at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning. The last indebtedness on the church was raised, and the church entered the new year free of debt. It was an occasion never to be forgotten by those present.

The movement to wipe out the debt by the first of the year began last June, at which time the indebtedness was \$13,300. The old property was sold for \$7,300, leaving the amount yet to be raised at \$10,000. This is the sum which the church has raised in the past seven months, and the chief portion of it has come from the members.

At the end of November there remained nearly \$4,000 to be raised, and with only one month in which to secure it, and that the most unfavorable month in the year for such a task. But one of the members, Mr. W. H. Davis, offered to give \$1,000, on condition that the entire amount be raised by the first of the year. A gentleman in New York two years and a half ago promised to give \$250 whenever the church should lack only that amount of being out of debt. Pastor and people entered the month of December determined to meet these conditional offers, and wipe out the debt by January 1st.

When the cash was counted on Sunday morning it was found that a little over \$500 still remained to be raised. The pastor announced this fact to the congregation—one that had braved the snow storm to participate in the closing scene of their long struggle. It was a congregation of people, most of whom had been giving during the past month at great sacrifice and toil.

The pastor called on them to raise the remainder, stating that all subscriptions made then must be paid inuring the day, inasmuch as the task before them was to raise the entire amount of that day. The necessary sum was subscribed in a short time. When the last amount was promised and it was announced that the struggle had ended the congregation almost spontaneously struck up the doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

They had sung it hundreds of times before, but never with such hearty gratitude and praise as they did yesterday.

The entire debt has been nearly \$33,000, and this has been raised in the past three years and a half.

Grateful mention was made of the fact that many friends in Norfolk and elsewhere had kindly helped in the struggle. The church is surely to be congratulated upon the completion of their efforts in so short a time.

COLORED SOCIETY CELEBRATE.

PROGRESSIVE SONS OF FREEMEN HOLD ANNUAL EXERCISES.

The Progressive Sons of Freeman, a colored society of the city, held their annual exercises last night at Bute Street Baptist Church, colored.

The house was filled with people, who thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment. The feature of the evening's exercises was the oration of Rev. D. P. Seaton, D. D. M. D., while the singing was also greatly enjoyed.

The following program was rendered: Singing—"My Country, 'Tis of Thee." Prayer—Rev. R. H. Bowling, D. D. Singing—Clipper Quartette. Address—By the President, A. S. Pinner.

Reading—"Emancipation Proclamation." Carrie Isabelle.

Solo—"A Son of the Desert Am I," James N. Brown.

Poem—Adela F. Ruffin.

Solo—Selected, Maude Fitchette.

Collection—For Old Folks' Home.

Solo—"Asleep in the Deep," Richard Turner.

Oration—Rev. D. P. Seaton, D. D. M. D.

Singing—Clipper Quartette.

Benediction—Rev. Madison Lewis.

All glasses prescribed by Dr. Week guaranteed. Examinations free. 310 Main street.

THE NEW YEAR.

HOW IT WAS OBSERVED AND WHAT IT PROMISES.

The first days of the new year were cold and crisp, and the weather prognosticator says that there will be more of the same kind before the backbone of the winter is broken. There were not many people on the streets and no business of consequence was transacted. All those who draw their pay from the United States Government "knocked off." The banks and a number of the city offices were closed, and the young men connected with these institutions and departments called on the girls. There was very little, if any, calling of the formal New Year's kind, but at many of the elegant private residences there were delightful social gatherings.

The year of 1899 promises to be one of the most prosperous ever experienced by Norfolk. There will be business activity, large trade and increased manufacture. Business men expect that there will be money in abundance to handle crops and conduct enterprise. The statistics which have been made show that Norfolk made substantial gains last year. Eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, it is believed, will make a better showing.

Resigned His Pastorate.

After a pastorate of three years with the Grace Baptist church of this city, the Rev. Lundy R. Wright has tendered his resignation as such, to take effect on the first of April next. During his pastorate with this church he has preached 319 sermons, has given 76 lectures on different Biblical topics, received into the membership of the church 122 persons, and made 2,562 pastoral visits. He has had converted under his ministry 141 souls, officiated at 56 funerals, and married 46 couples. The church has made a greater progress during the past two years and nine months than at any other period of its existence.

The congregations that have attended the preaching of Rev. Mr. Wright have always filled the building, and there has been a wonderful development along every line of work in connection with the church. Mr. Wright has always taken a firm stand on every

vital question relative to the interest and welfare of Norfolk, and the uplifting of his fellow-man and the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

Heptanophus Elect Officers.

Columbia Conclave, No. 7, Heptanophus, or Seven Wise Men, has elected the following officers:

J. D. Alexander, Archon; C. N. Gray, Provost; J. H. Brand, Prelate; John Hall, Recording Scribe; W. F. Berry, Financial Scribe; R. D. Smithers, Treasurer; T. Twiford, Inspector General.

Week of Prayer.

The subject at the week of prayer services this afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church will be the "Church Universal." Leader Rev. W. J. Young, D. D., of Epworth Church; speakers, Rev. E. B. Hatcher, First Baptist Church, and Rev. G. F. Lawson, Park Place Presbyterian Church.

SWIMMING PARTIES IN HAWAII.

One swims in Honolulu as one walks or drives in England, quite as a matter of course. At a luncheon given at a seaside villa, when the lagoon frequently fronts the sea, its steps leading down into the water, the first question is— "Would you like to walk about the garden?" but "Will you have a swim?"

Frequently riding and swimming parties are combined. Riding out to Waikiki on a moonlight night on horseback, the entire party take a dip in the warm lagoon, which is followed by a gay little supper. Balls and swimming parties are also much in favor, and I had the good fortune to be present at one such entertainment.

The waltzing went on until midnight, then the entire company suddenly dispersed to rooms set apart for them, ball gowns and uniforms were changed for bathing dresses, and after a short interval they returned to the lagoon, thence to a narrow quay jutting far out into the water. The Singing Boys, uniformed in white and wearing caps about their necks, left the veranda, where they had stationed themselves, came out upon the quay, and to the sound of their singing and playing, which still went on, men and women leaped into the sea and swam to the strains of the music. The moon was full. In the distance rose the mountains. The palms along the beach rustled in the night wind, and with the foam of the surf breaking upon the reef, with the shimmering waves stretching to the horizon, the tropical sky studded with stars that even the full moon could not quench, the wild, melancholy voices of the singers blending with the lap and beat of the waves, it was all Hawaiian—a characteristic bit of the poetical and fascinating life—From Mary Krou's "Hawaii and a Revolution."

TOLD OF LITTLE WILHELMINA.

Dr. Kuyper, of Holland, upon his recent visit to this city, says the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, related an interesting story connected with the early life of the young Queen Wilhelmina, which is significant as illustrating the character of the Queen. It occurred when she was not more than 7 years old.

Her father, the late King, was presented with a beautiful and very choice set of cups and saucers, and so highly did he prize the gift that he solemnly impressed upon his servants and the members of his household that if the pieces were destroyed or injured in any way the unfortunate person responsible for the accident should be severely punished. It happened that some time later a footman, in carrying the dishes from the room in which he had been serving, accidentally broke one of the cups. He was horrified and filled with grief at the misfortune, which he knew would cost him his position and his home.

Happening at that moment to meet the little Princess, he said to her, with subs: "Good-bye; I have got to go. I have broken one of the cups." The little lady expressed her regret, and asked why, and the footman explained to her the decree of the King. The Princess became thoughtful, and finally said: "I will help you out of this trouble, and I'll tell you what to do. You get some glue and fasten the pieces together, and to-morrow you bring the cup to me filled with tea, but be sure it is cold tea, and I will see what I can do about it."

The footman, much relieved, obeyed the little Princess, and the following evening the footman handed her the cup of cold tea. In a moment she managed to let it fall. The cup, of course, broke into a thousand pieces. The King was furiously angry. Little Wilhelmina ran to him, and throwing her arms around his neck, said: "Good-bye, father; I am going."

"What do you mean?" asked the King, perplexed.

"Why, you said the first person who broke one of these cups was to be banished; so I am going."

At this the King, who worshiped his little daughter, took her in his arms and forgave her, and he never knew that the child had committed the act to have the footman.

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Men's Suits, well made, double and single-breasted style, worth \$10, consolidated price.....	\$4.96	Children's Suits, double-breasted styles, plain plaids and fancy effects, worth \$2, consolidated price.....	98c.
Men's Fancy All-Wool and Worsted Suits, styles perfect, worth \$12, consolidated price.....	\$6.00	Children's Suits, ages 4 to 16 years, beautiful styles in cassimeres, worth \$3, consolidated price.....	\$1.62
Men's Fine Raritan Overcoats, fully 70 per cent. wool, worth \$20, consolidated price.....	\$3.97	Children's Suits, all-wool, in checks and plaids, sizes up to 16 years, worth \$4, consolidated price.....	\$1.98

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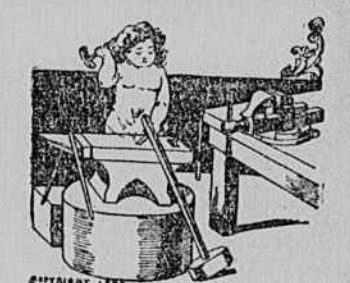
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